

What Others are Saying About Indy's Electric Car Share Program

Greg Spratt, Environmental Sustainability Leader, Eli Lilly & Company

"Eli Lilly and Company supports the Mayor's continued efforts to advance a strong environmental sustainability agenda for our city. This program is another example of our collective commitment to promote energy independence, improve fuel efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. An Electric Vehicle sharing program will offer our residents, visitors and employees an opportunity to commute around town via a more sustainable means of transportation."

George Caraghiaur, Senior Vice President, Sustainability, Simon Property Group

"Simon Property Group applauds the City of Indianapolis for its leadership in promoting a transportation program that is affordable for users, good for the environment, and fosters energy independence. This initiative complements Simon's commitment to reducing energy use and supporting sustainable practices in our 314 retail properties across the U.S. We look forward to greeting users of the electric car-sharing program at all of our central Indiana shopping centers where they can take advantage of our existing network of electric vehicle charging stations."

Charles R. Bantz, Chancellor, IUPUI

"With more students than ever living on campus now, electric vehicle car sharing is a welcome addition to the options available for them to avoid the expense of owning, maintaining, and parking private vehicles. As a major employer in central Indiana, staff and faculty are likely to appreciate the ease of connectivity to downtown as well. This fits very well with IUPUI's commitment to green technologies and campus sustainability initiatives."

James M. Danko, President, Butler University

"Butler University is pleased to support the City of Indianapolis' new electric car sharing service. Butler continues to make great strides toward reducing its carbon footprint; most recently, signing the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment, a pledge to create a long-range plan that will eliminate the campus' net emissions of greenhouse gases. We applaud the eagerness and enthusiasm of Mayor Ballard and the City of Indianapolis in pursuing sustainability initiatives, and we look forward to bringing significant and lasting change to Indianapolis together."

Thomas Snyder, President, Ivy Tech Community College

"Bolloré's EV car sharing program will be a fantastic amenity for Indianapolis and Ivy Tech students. Many of our students don't have their own vehicles, so EV car sharing will provide a great alternative transportation option that will enhance their quality of life while they work to enrich their future careers."

Leonard Hoops, President & CEO, Visit Indy

“The electric-car sharing program will be a convenient and resource-friendly new option for visitors to explore more cultural districts, neighborhoods and attractions in and around Indianapolis. We commend Mayor Ballard for his vision and efforts in adding yet another difference-making element to Indy’s thriving convention and tourism industry.”

Sherry Siewert, President, Indianapolis Downtown, Inc.

“We are absolutely thrilled by today’s announcement. Increasing multi-model options and access to those options continually rates high in surveys we conduct on issues that add to Downtown’s vibrancy. And as Downtown living continues to grow, the car share program is another great step to enhance the Downtown experience. We’re all winners with this new program.”

Melissa Todd, Chief Operating Officer, Indy Chamber

“This program is ideal for the urban business professional and will put Indianapolis on the map for our forward thinking, business friendly environment that attracts and retains top talent from around the globe. More and more, these professionals are demanding new and innovative amenities such as this and we welcome Bolloré’s investment and their partnership in keeping Indianapolis connected.”

Michael Terry, President & CEO, IndyGo

“With the rising demand for public transit services in Indianapolis, it’s clear residents are actively seeking sustainable commuting options. The introduction of car-sharing adds a great new mobility option in Indianapolis’s expanding multi-modal transportation network.”

Ron Gifford, Executive Director, Indy Connect Now

“The purpose of the Indy Connect plan is to create a robust transit system in central Indiana that will help people get where they want to go, when they want to get there,” noted Ron Gifford, executive director of Indy Connect Now. “In other cities we’ve seen that comprehensive car-share programs provide flexibility for transit users that make it easier for them to use mass transit.”

Ehren Bingaman, Executive Director, Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA)

“The fact Bolloré Group selected Indianapolis for the first and largest electric car share program in the U.S. a major step in the effort to expand and improve transit in Central Indiana. Car share is one more option the next generation workforce wants. When combined with a viable transit network like Indy Connect and ride share programs like Commuter Connect, car share contributes to true independence and unlimited regional mobility.”

Anna Tyszkiewicz, Director, Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization

“Car sharing is a viable solution for a common transportation problem called ‘the last mile,’ which happens when people have trouble getting to their final destination from a hub. It’s also helpful for someone who rides IndyGo or Indy Express Bus and then needs to travel to a meeting or appointment during the day that’s not walkable.”

Greg Fenig, Vice President of Community Relations, Indianapolis Power & Light (IPL)

"IPL is excited about this progressive concept in the use of electric vehicles in Indianapolis and we look forward to working with the City and Bolloré on the development of this initiative."

Carey Lykins, President & CEO, Citizens Energy Group

"Citizens Energy Group strongly supports Mayor Ballard's initiative to move city vehicles off of foreign oil in favor of alternative energy sources such as electricity and compressed natural gas. The proposal from IER is an exciting step toward realizing the mayor's vision of a cleaner, U.S. fueled vehicle fleet for the City of Indianapolis."

Brian Gildea, Executive Director & Vice President, Develop Indy

"Several factors come into play when companies are looking to expand or relocate to Indianapolis. Business climate, cost of living, and livability are all considered. Mayor Ballard has invested in the livability of Indianapolis and this partnership with Bolloré is one more feather in our cap for attracting young talent and innovative businesses to our city."

Diane Thomas, President & CEO, The International Center

"Indianapolis is ripe for Foreign Direct Investment. The climate for partnership in our community is so fertile that we can seize opportunities that present themselves as a result of the profile Indianapolis has assumed on the global stage. Today's announcement is but one example of the economic – and ecological – gains that can be achieved through cooperatively maximizing such opportunities."

Bradley B. Chambers, President & CEO, Buckingham Companies

"Buckingham Companies is thrilled to see Indianapolis selected by Bolloré for the largest electric car share program in the United States. As the developer of CityWay, a dynamic new 10-acre neighborhood that is transforming the heart of downtown Indianapolis, and as the owner and property manager of numerous other properties in downtown Indianapolis, we look forward to electric car sharing, not only as a pioneering transportation solution that will mitigate traffic and parking congestion and add convenience to downtown residents and visitors, but also because it aligns well with Buckingham Companies' focus on sustainability."

Paul Okeson, Vice President, Keystone Construction

"As an urban developer, we recognize it takes more than just innovation in design to attract the bright stars of tomorrow to downtown living. We applaud the vision and action from Mayor Ballard to invest in the infrastructure that facilitates the future of responsible transportation choices and makes living downtown all the more attractive. This is just another example of what keeps Indianapolis atop the list of cities more and more people are choosing to call home".

Michael Bricker, Chief Innovator, People for Urban Progress

"After advocating and developing car-sharing for the past 5 years, PUP is excited by Indianapolis' new partnership with AutoLib. Mayor Ballard and the City of Indianapolis is taking an ambitious first step toward expanding our transit options - continuing to make Indianapolis a more connected, contemporary, and livable city. PUP looks forward to collaborating with the Mayor's team and AutoLib, ensuring we find great car-sharing locations in neighborhoods throughout the city."

Dr. Charles Venable, The Melvin & Bren Simon Director & CEO, Indianapolis Museum of Art

"As one of the largest general art museums in the United States, the Indianapolis Museum of Art regularly hosts artists, visiting scholars, academic fellows, and other special guests. We're pleased to be able to provide these visitors with a great transportation option. Our leisure visitors also will enjoy this new ease of access to their hotels and the other fantastic amenities in Indianapolis. This is a great step for our city."

Dr. Jeffrey H. Patchen, President & CEO, The Children's Museum of Indianapolis

"The Children's Museum applauds the Mayor's plan to bring an electric car rental program to the city of Indianapolis," said. "This bold move supports environmental sustainability—something the museum is firmly committed to through its own environmental stewardship efforts. It also gives families a convenient transportation option they may use to visit our museum. We are excited about the positive effect this eco-friendly service could have on cultural tourism."

Ellen M. Rosenthal, President & CEO, Conner Prairie

"Conner Prairie is delighted that Indianapolis has been selected for the largest electric car share service in the U.S. Visitors to Indianapolis will soon be able to easily rent a car and drive 16 miles out to our site, one of greater Indianapolis' most unique and nationally acclaimed destinations. We see increased access as beneficial to our site and to the entire community. What had been too far away will soon be "easily reached." We look forward to hosting plug-in stations at Conner Prairie and helping this region showcase yet another important innovation."

M. Jacqueline Nytes, CEO, Indianapolis Public Library

"As an organization with multiple locations across the city, we serve many patrons who visit our libraries on foot or by public transportation. We are witness to the reality that Indianapolis has significant unmet needs for transit and the opportunity to develop such an exciting alternative to personal automobile ownership is sure to be very popular with Indianapolis residents. The entire concept of car sharing is very in sync with our business model at the Library when you think about it! We look forward to evaluating which of our Library locations might make sense as part of this exciting network. And we are excited that once again, Indianapolis is taking a leadership position on the international scene with this partnership."

Georges Ucko, Director – Transportation, UBIFRANCE NORTH AMERICA

“UBIFRANCE, the French agency for international business development, is proud to support the investment announced by the Bolloré group in Indianapolis and the deployment of its all electric car-sharing system in one of the leading American cities in green technologies.”

Kellie Walsh, Executive Director, Greater Indiana Clean Cities Coalition

“The Greater Indiana Clean Cities congratulates Mayor Ballard and the City of Indianapolis on the deployment of this innovative and trail blazing green transportation partnership. This program is another win for the Mayor in his battle to reduce foreign oil consumption in Indianapolis. By providing businesses, commuters and others, a short-term transportation need solution, he is empowering citizens to reduce their consumption as well.”

Bill Stephen, Secretary of the Board of Directors – American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest

“The American Lung Association in Indiana applauds Mayor Ballard for the city’s continued investment in clean air for the citizens of Indianapolis. Much of Indianapolis' air pollution derives from the use of cars and trucks. Electric vehicles emit zero emissions from the tail pipe, so they can be part of solving our air pollution problems, including reducing our dependence on imported fossil fuels. Reducing the number of polluting vehicles on Indianapolis' roads will improve the health and quality of life of all Indianapolis residents and visitors for generations to come.”